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Pension application of Thomas Reed S14263

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State of Pennsylvania Beaver County

On this the 15th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before their Honors Thomas Henry & Joseph Hemphill Esquire Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Beaver and now sitting Thomas Reed a resident of Moon Township and County aforesaid aged eighty-one years three months & twelve days who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, to wit --

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated under General Rutherford Chief in command and in Captain Irwins Company (the name of the other officers he cannot remember) a drafted Militia Man in the latter part of the summer or early part of the fall (to the best of his recollection) 1776 from the County of Macklenburgh [sic, Mecklenburg] in the State of North Carolina. That he marched from Mecklenburg to the Frontiers where they captured about seventy Tories and brought them in prisoners -- that he served 3 months and was regularly discharged he thinks Captain Irwin gave it to him which he lost many years since. The Spring following the month or day he cannot recollect he was drafted by Captain McCree [?] who commanded the company the rest of the officers except the General he cannot remember and marched under General Rutherford from Mecklenburg through Salisbury to Cross Creek where they captured a number of Tories and returned he cannot tell whether he served the whole tour of 3 months or not but is certain of serving more than two and that he was regularly discharged he thinks by Captain McCree gave it to him it has been lost for a long time. The following year to the best of his recollection before harvest he was again drafted for 3 months and marched to Camden in South Carolina where he remained 2 months and was regularly discharged -- he cannot remember from whom he got it. This discharge is also lost. The same officers commanded at this time as before -- The following year he cannot recollect the month he was again drafted for a tour of 3 months and marched under the same officers from Mecklenburg to Salisbury and several other places he cannot recollect whether he served the whole term or not but is certain that he served 2 months Captain McCree gave him his discharge which is since lost. Early in June 1780 he was drafted with seven more of McCree's company to join General Gates he can [not?] recollect the Captain or other officers Except General Rutherford who marched them from Mecklenburg to Ramsour's Mill where they had a battle with about one thousand Tories defeated them and took a great number of prisoners and marched with them to Salisbury where we left them and from there marched to meet General Gates met him 15 miles from Camden South Carolina where we encamped -- On the 16th of August we met the British about halfway between our encampment and Camden at 3 [could be 8] o'clock in the

morning we were defeated our Army completely routed and General Rutherford taken prisoner. We were again collected and in about a week after discharged. He served in this tour two months and three weeks he cannot tell who gave him the discharge. This he also lost. He thought that it would be of no service to him after the troublesome times were over. The same fall the British came to Mecklenburg at which time he volunteered and marched to Atkin River [sic, Yadkin River] -- he cannot recollect who the officers were -- the British retreated to South Carolina after which the Army was discharged -- he cannot recollect how long he was out but knows it was not less than ten days. The applicant further saith that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he could procure that could testify to his service. He further states that according to the account given to him by his parents he was born in Chester County Pennsylvania -- that while young removed to Maryland from thence to Mecklenburg County North Carolina after which he returned to Maryland where he resided 21 years from thence he removed to Washington and Allegheny counties resided there 13 years and then removed to the place he now resides --

He has no record of his age

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any State.

He offers General Samuel Power and William McCune Citizens of Beaver County to testify and state their knowledge of his character etc.

Sworn in open Court the 15th day of October 1832

S/ James Logan, Pro

S/ Thomas Reed, O his mark

[Samuel Power and William McCune gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[James D. Ray, a clergyman, also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Beaver County

Before me James Logan prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of said County came Thomas Reed the within named applicant who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for the year of our Lord 1776 in the latter part of the summer he served as a private 3 months in the spring following to wit in 1777 he served 2 months as private in the spring following or before harvest he was drafted as a private and served 2 months -- in the following year to wit in 1779 he was again drafted and served 2 months as a private -- In June 1780 he was drafted as a private and served 2 months and 3 weeks and in the same fall as a private he was out 10 days and for such services he claims a pension.

Sworn in open Court this 8th day of April 1833

S/ James Logan Pro

S/ Thomas Reed, X his mark